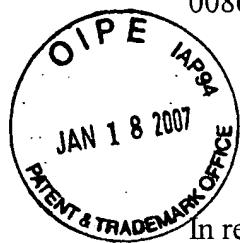


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 10/810,550 )  
Filed: March 29, 2004 )  
For: INFECTIOUS ETIOLOGIC )  
AGENT DETECTION PROBE )  
AND PROBE SET, CARRIER, )  
AND GENETIC SCREENING )  
METHOD ) January 17, 2007

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the article listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the article, together with an English-language translation, is enclosed.

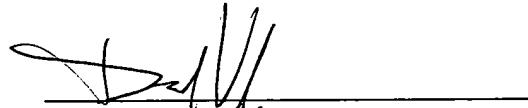
The listed article was cited in an Official Action in a corresponding Chinese application. A copy of the Chinese Official Action, which is dated November 17, 2006, is enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2) is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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